

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of adding a client as a member of a hub network which includes a plurality of devices, comprising:

detecting a client newly connected to ~~a server in a~~ the hub network by a server,
wherein the server periodically polls the plurality of devices for the client;
authenticating the client to determine an ~~identify~~ identity of the client;
authorizing the client to determine that the client is a compliant device that operates according to rules defined for the hub network,

wherein the compliant device enables a user to present, move, and copy content data to be controlled to reflect guidelines of licenses of the content data set for a licensing authority, and

wherein the client sends a message to the plurality of devices on the hub network indicating that the client is now connected to the hub network;

adding the client as a member in the hub network when it is determined that the client has been detected, authenticated, authorized, and is in a local environment of the server; and

providing licenses for the content data bound to the hub network to members of the hub network,

wherein a source version of the content data is stored on the server, and copies of the source versions are stored on the compliant device as sub-copy versions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the rules defined for the hub network comprise

disabling licenses for the sub-copy versions stored on the client when the client is removed as a member of the hub network.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the rules defined for a hub network comprise

disabling a key at the compliant device when the server informs the compliant device that the key has been revoked because the key has been compromised.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the client is added as a member of the hub network when it is further determined that a set of rules has been met.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the client is a compliant device comprises

sending a compliance confirmation request to the client to request information from the client to confirm that the client will abide by the rules defined for a hub

network.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the client is in the local environment of the server comprises

 sending a local environment confirmation request to the client to determine whether the client is in the local environment,

 wherein the local environment is a limited area defined relative to the server.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising
 receiving a reply from the client in response to the local environment confirmation request.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein determining that the client is in the local environment of the server comprises

 measuring the time between sending the local environment confirmation request and receiving the reply.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the client is in the local environment of the server comprises

pinging the client.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
revoking the authorization of the client device when the server determines that the
client has circumvented or broken the rules defined for the compliant device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
confirming a device count of members in said hub network by comparing said
device count with a member device limit;
wherein said client will not be added as a member in said hub network if said
device count is greater than or equal to said member device limit.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
increasing said device count after adding said client as a member.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
comparing a device count of members in said hub network with a member device
limit; and
confirming said device count by contacting an external device registration server.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
sending a device add request to said device registration server; and

receiving a device add permission from said device registration server;
wherein said device add request includes said device count.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of adding a client as a member of a hub network which includes a plurality of devices, comprising:

periodically polling the plurality of devices of the hub network by a server for
~~sending a connection notification from a client newly connected to a server in a~~ the hub
network so that the client can be detected by the server;

sending identification information from said client to said server to authenticate
the client;

sending a compliance confirmation from the client to the server that confirms the
client is a compliant device that operates according to rules defined for the hub network,

wherein the compliant device enables a user to present, move, and copy content
data to be controlled to reflect guidelines of licenses of the content data set for a licensing
authority, and

wherein the client sends a message to the plurality of devices on the hub network
indicating that the client is now connected to the hub network;

receiving an add confirmation at the client from the server indicating that the
client has been added as a member in the hub network as the client has been detected,
authenticated, confirmed compliant, and is in a local environment of the server; and

providing licenses for the content data bound to the hub network to members of
the hub network,

wherein a source version of the content data is stored on the server, and copies of the source versions are stored on the compliant device as sub-copy versions.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the rules defined for the hub network comprise

disabling licenses for the sub-copy versions stored on the client when the client is removed as a member of the hub network.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the rules defined for the hub network comprise

disabling a key at the compliant device when the server informs the compliant device that the key has been revoked because the key has been compromised.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said compliance information indicates that the compliant device will not decrypt locked content data without a license that is bound to a hub network of which the compliant device is a member.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the client is in the

local environment of the server when the client is in a limited area defined relative to the server.

24. – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method of adding a client as a member of a hub network which includes a plurality of devices, comprising:

periodically polling the plurality of devices of the hub network by a server for sending a connection notification from a client newly connected to a server in a the hub network through an intermediary device connected to the server so that the client can be detected by the server;

sending identification information from said client to said server through said intermediary device to authenticate the client;

sending a compliance confirmation from the client to the server through the intermediary device that confirms the client is a compliant device that operates according to rules defined for the hub network,

wherein the compliant device enables a user to present, move, and copy content data to be controlled to reflect guidelines of licenses of the content data set for a licensing authority, and

wherein the client sends a message to the plurality of devices on the hub network indicating that the client is now connected to the hub network;

receiving an add confirmation at said client from said server through said

intermediary device indicating that the client has been added as a member in said hub network as the client has been detected, authenticated, confirmed compliant, and is in a local environment of the server; and

providing licenses for the content data bound to the hub network to members of the hub network,

wherein a source version of the content data is stored on the server, and copies of the source versions are stored on the compliant device as sub-copy versions.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the client is in the local environment of the server when the client is in a limited area defined relative to the server.

32. - 45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of reconnecting a client to a hub network which includes a plurality of devices, comprising:

detecting a client newly connected to a hub network by a server,

wherein the server periodically polls the plurality of devices for the client;

authenticating and authorizing the client as a member of the hub network when it is determined that the client is a compliant device that operates according to rules defined for the hub network, and that the client is in a local environment of the server,

wherein the compliant device enables a user to present, move, and copy content data to be controlled to reflect guidelines of licenses of the content data set for a licensing authority, and

wherein the client sends a message to the plurality of devices on the hub network indicating that the client is now connected to the hub network; and

providing licenses for the content data bound to the hub network to members of the hub network,

wherein a source version of the content data is stored on the server, and copies of the source versions are stored on the compliant device as sub-copy versions.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, further comprising refreshing one or more of the licenses for the content data stored on the client.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein determining that the client is in the local environment of the server comprises

sending a local environment confirmation request to the client to determine whether the client is in a limited area defined relative to the server.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, further comprising

receiving a reply from the client in response to the local environment
confirmation request.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein determining that the
client is in the limited area defined relative to the server comprises

measuring the time between sending the local environment confirmation request
and receiving the reply.

51. – 58. (Canceled)

59. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the device registration server sends
the device add permission by comparing the member device limit to how many hub
networks to which the client has already been added as a member.